

Westfield City Council February 14, 2011

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday February 14, 2011 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Deputy Mayor Bruce Hauk, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault, LLC.

Council President Tom Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Ken Kingshill had several corrections and after some discussion the Council decided to have the corrections to the Clerk-Treasurer's office to make the appropriate changes. The minutes of the January 10, 2010 meeting will come back to the City Council at the next meeting for consideration.

Claims:

Bob Smith made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:

Miscellaneous Business: Introduction of Chamber of Commerce President, Eric Lohe:

Eric Lohe spoke on behalf of the Westfield Washington Chamber of Commerce (WWCC). He is the current President of WWCC. Dr. Lohe described the goals and objectives of the Chamber through a positive and cooperative effort with the City in an effort to encourage as well as retain businesses in Westfield.

Miscellaneous Business: Grand Park Land Acquisition:

Mayor Cook introduced the Grand Park Land Acquisition item. As part of the Grand Park land purchasing process, the City Council is being asked to provide it's authorization for the purchases. Mayor Cook provided background on the Westfield Sports initiative that has been under way since 2008. The Grand Park property consists of several parcels totaling over 300 acres. The purchases are designed to allow the City to pay for the various properties at any time within seven years. The land purchases will amount to 10 to 14 million dollars, depending on how soon the City pays for the land. Preliminarily, it is suggested that TIF dollars could be used to make the land purchases. Mayor Cook explained that the total cost of the Grand Park project, including land, will be approximately \$45 Million. This amount will come from TIF revenues, food and beverage tax, grants, private investment, sponsorships and other possible revenue sources. Mayor Cook highlighted that there has already been a significant amount of economic development interest in the project from the private sector. Among the interested parties is the LIDS Indiana Bulls who recently announced that it will headquarter it's nationally recognized travel

baseball club on the sports campus. The club will bring in thousands of visitors from other Cities, playing a significant role in this economic development project. Mayor Cook requested that Council members take the next two weeks to read over all of the project details and to obtain answers to any questions they may have. Mayor Cook explained that he will be asking the Council to act on this item at the February 28th Council Meeting.

John Dippel wanted to acknowledge the committee. William Knox, Dave Schmitz, Dr. Mark Keen, Mike Deck, Mark Anderson, Chris Stice, Melody Jones, Karen Ratliff, Nick Verhoff, Steve Warner, Matt Skelton, Jennifer Miller, Bruce Hauk, Steve Henke, and Mayor Cook.

Old Business:

Ordinance 10-22: Façade Improvement Grant Program

First Reading – December 27, 2010

Second Reading – January 10, 2011

Adoption Consideration – February 14, 2011

Deanne Ludwig updated the Council on this Ordinance. President Smith announced that the Council committee felt that this should be held until the February 28, 2010 meeting for consideration.

Ordinance 11-02: Centennial South PUD Amendment

Introduction – December 13, 2010

APC Public Hearing – January 4, 2011

APC Public Hearing – January 18, 2011

Adoption Consideration – February 14, 2011

Planner Andrew Murray presented this Ordinance to the Council. He also explained that this comes before the Council with a favorable recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission.

After some clarification Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve Ordinance 11-02 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 11-03: 1901 SR 32 West rezone from SF-5 to GB

Introduction – December 13, 2010

APC Public Hearing – January 4, 2011

APC Recommendation – February 7, 2011

Adoption Consideration – February 14, 2011

Senior Planner Kevin Todd described Ordinance 11-03. This has come forward with a favorable recommendations from the Advisory Plan Commission.

After some discussion Bob Horkay made the motion to approve ordinance 11-03 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 11-04: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Sign Standards

Introduction – December 13, 2010

APC Public Hearing – January 4, 2011

APC Public Hearing – January 18, 2011

Adoption Consideration – February 14, 2011

Kevin Todd explained that after some discussion with Council that some necessary changes should be made to the ordinance before considering. This will come back to the Council at the February 28, 2011 meeting.

Ordinance 10-28: Parks Policies

Introduction – December 13, 2010

Second reading – December 27, 2010

Adoption Consideration – February 14, 2011

Parks Director Melody Jones described the Ordinance 10-28 to the Council. Bob Smith made the motion to approve Ordinance 10-28 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 10-23: Golf Cart Ordinance

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Public Comment – October 11, 2010

Update from Committee – November 8, 2010

Second Reading – February 14, 2011

Adoption Consideration – March 14, 2011

John Dippel explained some of the changes to the ordinance 10-23 and recommended that the Council should wait until February 28, 2011 to have the second reading.

City Council Comments:

None

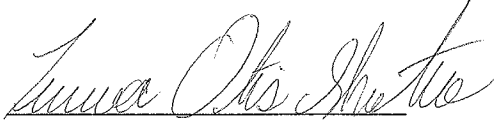
Mayor Comments:

Mayor Cook complemented the City Departments in handling the recent emergency response due to the recent weather conditions and keeping all departments safe and efficient.

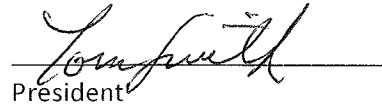
He also announced that the City of Westfield's population as of January 2011 is 30,068.

With no further business Steve Hoover made the motion to adjourn. Bob Smith seconded.
Vote: yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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President